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## We are Proud that Powers Catholic Stands Above the Norm

Throughout the history of our great country, there may never have been a more needed time than now for the continued tradition of Catholic schools – Catholic schools with a mission of producing selfless, educated and faith-filled young men and women who stand apart from the mainstream of cultural expectations. Today's society is in need of problem solvers and decision makers with a foundational belief that is rooted in our Christian values.

I am thankful for the Powers Catholic Community which partners with our staff and allows us the opportunity to educate students academically and in our Catholic faith to better serve mankind. Amongst all the turmoil and societal challenges we face today, we are proud that Powers Catholic stands above the norm and aims to grow as a faith-centered community. We provide students the opportunity to deepen their relationship with God, to excel intellectually, and to commit to a life of service to others. We are confident that our students will leave us after four years and be the disciples the world so desperately needs, while carrying on the Powers' tradition as an esteemed alumnus.

Although Powers Catholic resides in an exciting new location with steady growth over the last three years (currently 649 students), the tradition of the past 46 years remains the staple of its mission and success. We must never allow the tradition to be forgotten, nor should we veer from the established path entrenched by our alumni and historical staff. Powers Catholic is an exceptional school rooted in the traditions of Catholic education and Christian values. We foster a family environment in which there is love, respect and acceptance of each person. The tradition continues with a unique partnership between talented students, supportive parents and a dedicated staff.

There is no doubt we will continue to grow and evolve over the next several years with new opportunities for

students to experience academically, socially, spiritually, athletically, etc. We look forward to the completion of our outdoor campus facilities, growth in offering additional college-level courses by partnering with our local universities, increased Advanced Placement courses in the sciences, and exploring additional opportunities in math and engineering. We also look forward to eliminating our debt to free up resources that will provide further opportunities for our students and families. That being said, the things that will not change moving forward are the traditions and teachings of our Catholic faith and our foundational beliefs that are rooted in our Christians values.

In closing, I would like to thank all of our parents, alumni, community stakeholders and supporters across the country for your continued belief in the mission and tradition of Powers Catholic High School. I would ask that you continue to fiscally support and pray for our school and our school community as a whole, as we continue to serve students and families in and around Genesee County. Please do not hesitate to stop by the school to visit with our staff, students or administrators if time allows. We welcome all of our supporters and would love the opportunity to sit and discuss the past, present and future of Powers Catholic High School.

Peace be with you all. †

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**Class of 1996 20-Year Reunion:** Fellow Chargers of 1996, it has been 20 years since we walked the halls together. Reunion planning has begun! If you would like to help plan our reunion, please email Catherine Merciez at [cmercio1@gmail.com](mailto:cmercio1@gmail.com). Don't forget to join our Facebook page, Powers Class of 1996 – 20-Year Reunion for updates!

### Save the Date!

Events listed below represent Genesee County Catholic Schools. Genesee County Catholic Schools serve a total of 2,100 students at Powers Catholic High School in Flint, Holy Family in Grand Blanc, Holy Rosary in Flint, St. John the Evangelist in Fenton, St. John Vianney in Flint, St. Mary in Mt. Morris, St. Pius X in Flint and St. Robert Bellarmine in Flushing.

### May

- May 2-6:** St. John Fenton – St. John Vianney 8th Grade Trip To Washington, D.C.
- May 6:** Powers – Prom
- May 21:** Holy Family – Holy Family School Auction
- May 26:** Powers – Choir Concert
- May 27:** Holy Rosary – Walk-a-thon

### June

- June 2:** Powers – Band Concert
- June 5:** Powers – Graduation/Project Graduation
- June 7:** Holy Rosary – Last Day of School
- June 8:** St. John Fenton, St. Pius X – Last Day of School
- June 10:** Holy Family, St. John Vianney, St. Mary, St. Robert – Last Day of School
- June 10:** Powers – Charger Golf Scramble
- June 14:** Powers – Freshman Picnic

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# Why Catholic Education?

*You do not have love without knowledge and sacrifice.*

Sacrifice is at the heart of Catholic education. Many parents make sacrifices so that their son or daughter may attend a Catholic school. Teachers at Catholic schools make sacrifices by receiving less pay and often spending extra hours so that students may have those extra-curricular activities that make an education not only intellectually challenging, but enjoyable. Administrators and staff also receive lower pay than those in the public sector and spend endless hours trying to make budgets work and still effectively run a superior educational institution. And, many students make sacrifices because they know this educational opportunity will make a difference in their lives and in the lives that they will serve in the future.

*Sacrifice lies at the heart of our faith.* We believe that Our Lord Jesus Christ sacrificed His life to teach us that the true power of life (the Resurrection) demonstrates *a love that is stronger than death* (Song of Songs 8:6-7). My dear people, we must always remember *true knowledge leads to true love*. Our Catholic students are challenged to grow in their knowledge, not to just get future employment and self-fulfillment, although those factors flow from such knowledge. Our students are challenged to grow in their knowledge, so that they may demonstrate an authentic love that serves to make life richer for those who are looking for Christ (II Cor. 5:14-20). To be Christ-like is to be a savior. There are people waiting in this world to be saved, and our Powers Catholic students have the potential to make a positive difference for others in life. Each student is called to be an “alter Christus” (II Cor. 4:7-11).



FATHER TOM FIRESTONE AND STEWARDSHIP OFFICER JENNIE MILNE REVIEW PROGRESS ON THE NEW DATABASE AT POWERS CATHOLIC.

I simply want to remind anyone who wonders, “Why Catholic education?” The fundamental principle: *You do not have love without knowledge and sacrifice.*

In the love of Our Lord  
Jesus Christ. †

**Fr. Tom Firestone**  
Pastor, Catholic Community  
of Flint





# POWERS<sup>GOES</sup> TO Guatemala

## A MISSION TO CHANGE LIVES FOREVER

This summer, 14 Powers students will embark on a mission trip very intentionally designed to forever change their lives.

The students have been meeting with Cinda and Jim Rachor every month since September 2015 in preparation for their week with orphans in Guatemala, and serving the impoverished communities that surround the orphanage, Dorie's Promise, maintained by Forever Changed International.

**Cinda, a 1983 Powers graduate**, has led and/or co-led 12 similar trips with junior and senior high school students since 2010. She and her husband do not recruit for the week-long experiences; the interest created through word-of-mouth from past participants has surprised even her.

However, listening to her passion for bringing light into the lives of impoverished children in a third-world country is undoubtedly contagious, if not simply inspiring. It's clear that she believes this is her calling in life.

"When we are blessed with so much in this country and in our own lives, I believe it isn't so we can sit back and enjoy it," Cinda said. "I believe we are to take it out and share it. It is a privilege to see the teenagers get it. We have taken students who were in very dark places in their lives and suddenly understand that God loves them – and many cannot believe it. It is such a privilege to be a part of such transformations."

It isn't an easy trip. All of the participants work hard to build upon the foundation laid by previous mission teams. It is demanding work

without a lot of down time. Cinda is constantly surprised by all that is accomplished – and how joyful the students are after accomplishing it. She recalled watching one young man complete six hours of laying a cement floor, and being as thrilled about the accomplishment as making a three-pointer on the basketball court.

Come June 17, the 14 Powers students will join 14 Fenton High School students - and one returning student from London, England – for an immersion in poverty-stricken Guatemala – no phones, no electronics, just one another and the hearts of a people in need of the basics of life. Their training included tougher heartfelt questions such as, *What can we do to make an impact on their lives? How can we engage in ways more meaningful than as tourists who come in, do a good thing, and then leave?* Cinda is not interested in hosting trips for which students simply show up and then walk away.

"This is a perfect age group," she said. "They are just beginning to form ideas about who they are becoming as adults. We want them to really consider what God wants them to do in this world beyond their own comfort zones. My hope and prayer for our teams are that they walk away forever changed after being exposed to God's love for them and those we impact – that a passion will be ignited to serve and love others with everything they've got."

While this is Cinda's 12th high school trip, she has been to Guatemala "countless times." She and her husband have adopted two daughters from the orphanage the teams visit each trip.



The Powers students include Peyton Beauchamp, Macey Carlock, Abbey Clothier, Celia Hardimon, Mallory Macksood, Jillian Mansour, Alex Nemer, Georgi Neumann, Tessa Peabody, Rachel Phillpotts, Gracie Snyder, Jackson Wentworth and Sydney Wilhoite (not in order).

The Rachors adopted their sixth daughter, Hope, in 2007. They were in the middle of the long adoption process for their seventh daughter, Amelia, when the Guatemalan government suddenly closed the doors on adoption in 2008. Cinda said they were heartbroken, but she was determined to do everything she could to bring Amelia home. "Everything" included hiring investigators to visit their daughter's native village in a fruitless effort to uncover information about her parents and family heritage. The Rachors retained four different attorneys in Guatemala before locating one willing to fully press their case with government officials and the American Embassy. In 2014, the Rachors finally brought Amelia home.

Cinda's passion for Amelia – and teenagers throughout the area – is a heartwarming story of someone never giving up, never wavering in her own personal fight to figure out how to overcome any obstacle to welcome people into God's family. She reminds us all that miracles happen when and where you least expect them.

According to Cinda, she came by the passion

honestly. Her father and mother, Steve and Barb Smith, unselfishly taught her the joy of serving others. She chokes up when speaking of them.

"My dad and mom inspire me," Cinda said. "They see people for what's on the inside. My father has been a very successful businessman. He could be in Palm Springs playing golf every day, enjoying the sun, relaxing. But instead he spends his days visiting nursing homes and soup kitchens, and driving widows to doctor appointments. They are amazing. They have been a wonderful example to me and my family." Today, Cinda's daughters, Sophia and AnnaGrace both attend Powers as a freshman and sophomore, respectively. Her three oldest children graduated from Fenton High School.

Cinda currently serves on the Board of Directors for Forever Changed International, and they have made Forever Changed International a priority for their giving, advocacy and support.

To learn more about Forever Changed International, go to [foreverchangedinternational.org](http://foreverchangedinternational.org) †

# St. John Vianney Students

## Invite Young & Old to Pray for Water Crisis Solution

The K-8th grade students of St. John Vianney Catholic School are asking Flint residents young and old to join them as they pray to God to stop the dissension in the community – and to solve the water crisis that has shut down their drinking fountains and running water in the school kitchen. The community-wide prayer meeting was held April 20, 6:30-7:30pm, at St. John Vianney Catholic Church, 2415 Bagley Street.

"I have been so moved by the requests from our youngest students who have been most impacted by this water crisis both at school and in their homes," said Lara Daniel, Principal of St. John Vianney Catholic School. St. John Vianney shut down all running water in the school after testing revealed toxic levels of lead in their water – 42ppb, more than twice the toxicity level of 15ppb.

"Our students have begun making regular petitions to God to solve the problem at school, in their own homes and throughout the city. It is difficult for them to understand why more isn't being done to fix the problem.

"What's more, the students have been surprised to receive gifts of support from other schools from as far away as Florida, but families and friends do not seem to agree on how to solve the problem," Daniel added. "They are confused by the lack of unity and support from those closest to them. When I asked them what they wanted to do about it, they said they wondered if everyone in the city could come together and pray about it with them. It was such a moving request from the hearts of children ... how could I not do everything I could to make this happen?"

Daniel said she talked with Father Tom Firestone and Genesee County Catholic Schools Executive Director Kasey Cronin who both wholeheartedly agreed to the prayer meeting. Since then, Daniel and Cronin have been meeting with the students to support their vision and effort for the community-wide prayer meeting. The students have been clear they want anyone who believes in God to attend, regardless of their denomination. They also invited the community leaders including Mayor Karen Weaver, the Flint City Council and our state and federal senators and representatives.

"I have been so inspired by these young hearts and minds," Cronin said. "We often hear from adults who have been impacted by this crisis, but I have had the distinct honor to hear from our youngest victims. It has dramatically changed my perspective. They have reminded me what is most important. I want them to know the unity and solution for which they seek with all their hearts and minds. I believe God will honor their efforts and prayers."

The St. John Vianney students lead the prayer meeting with "very little" adult direction. The fourth

grade students sang a song especially selected for the occasion as it reflected their hopes for their city. Other music was provided by local musician Pat Cronley, who frequently volunteers with the St. John Vianney music program, and "The Prayer" will be performed by Marcy Forsleff and John Guerra. Forsleff is the music director at Powers and assists with the St. John Vianney music program.

Daniel said that the students envision the prayer meeting to be the first until the crisis is resolved.

For more information, please contact St. John Vianney at 810.235.5687. †





## In the Bishop's Circle Powers Art Suite Named for Farrehi Family Foundation

LEFT, DR. FARREHI MEETS WITH POWERS STUDENTS JUST OUTSIDE THE ART SUITE, NAME FOR THE FARREHI FAMILY FOUNDATION. MAIN, DR. FARREHI ADMIRES THE BEAUTIFUL "MADONNA AND CHILD" THE FARREHI FAMILY FOUNDATION DONATED TO POWERS.

Powers Catholic High School now has an entire Art Suite named for The Farrehi Family Foundation, thanks to the generous financial support of the Foundation. The Art Suite, located on the fourth floor of Powers, features state-of-the-art kilns and materials designed to help students learn in the most inspired academic environment.

The Farrehi Family Foundation gift of more than \$50,000 places the Foundation in the renowned Bishop's Circle, the highest echelon of giving at Powers Catholic.

"There are no words to adequately express our sincere appreciation for The Farrehi Family Foundation gift and Dr. Farrehi's continued vision for our high school," said Rory Mattar, President of Powers. "We look forward to a strong partnership in the years to come."

The Farrehi Family Foundation also donated a breathtaking "Madonna & Child" oil painting by Peruvian artist, Ortiz, on display next to the Chapel at Powers.

Dr. Cyrus Farrehi is a retired cardiologist, a former chief of staff at McLaren Regional Medical Center of Flint and a past president of the Genesee County Medical Society. Before coming to Flint, he was on medical school faculties at

universities in Edmonton, Alberta, and in Portland, Oregon. As a board certified interventional cardiologist, he was instrumental in the creation and evolution of the cardiac program at McLaren Regional Medical Center. He devoted four decades of service to heart health prior to his retirement in 2009.

Dr. Farrehi and his wife, Jane, remain active with many educational and nonprofit organizations in the Greater Flint community.

Below is a personal Q & A session with the latest member of the Bishop's Circle: Dr. Cyrus Farrehi and the Farrehi Family Foundation.

**Q: Powers Catholic High School is so appreciative of your generous support. We are especially honored to be a beneficiary, since you had no prior connections to the high school either as an alumni or parent of an alum. What is your background with Powers and this community, and why did you decide to support Powers' mission?**

**A:** Powers is an institute of learning immersed in Catholic tradition. It has well served many generations in the past and is eager to do more in the future. It transforms our children

into responsible, young adults from whom we all benefit. It is worthy of our support.

**Q: What prompted your generosity with the beautiful artwork, now hanging just outside the Powers Chapel, and what encouraged you to donate that particular piece to Powers?**

**A:** The painting is a new rendition of "Madonna and Child," a classic motif full of signals easy to glean at a glance as students pass by, true and inspiring for any age, but especially for the young. It is a personal favorite of mine, and obviously fits the tradition and character of Powers. I never predicted the enthusiasm it received. I suspect the place and position the administration chose for its display had a major role.

**Q: Why did you decide to financially contribute to the development of the Art Suite?**

**A:** Art is, in my view, a cardinal but soft and vulnerable field in the curriculum. The influence of art in a growing intellect is profound with far-reaching consequences. We need to train people who not only know facts or how to find them, but who also have a sense of beauty and harmony with their ever-widening range, and thus can go beyond the canvas to innovate, create. Teaching of arts is, perhaps, more difficult than sciences and may need more support.

**Q: What would you like other people to know about you and the Farrehi Family Foundation?**

**A:** We hope to support worthy humanitarian causes that we feel are inadequately supported or totally neglected. We are new in the field and hope to learn by experience. Our whole family participates.

**Q: If you could offer one piece of advice to our current students, what would it be?**

**A:** Focus on your responsibilities, not your wants, likes or desires. If you act responsibly, with honor and do no harm, your needs will be met for certain.

**Q: Who inspires you?**

**A:** I constantly live with inspiration from those who improve the lives of others with passion, hard work and no self-interest; people whose influence goes beyond their surroundings or lasts beyond their life. In a way, by lighting the proper path for all who follow, they become immortal.

My list is very long. Excluding the Christian figures, our Founding Fathers, and my family, special mention goes to Michelangelo, Beethoven and Voltaire, plus among the less known, Gustav Mahler, Joseph Campbell and Ralph Waldo Emerson. Among my own contemporaries, the place is occupied by Mother Teresa and Martin L. King, Jr. who hold for me the beacon of light on the shore.

**Q: Which living person do you most admire?**

**A:** Again, disqualifying my family or personal friends and choosing among the well-known, I mention Dr. Ben Carson for showing the primacy of ethics and moral decency in political stance or public discourse.

**Q: What do you consider your greatest achievement?**

**A:** Survival!

**Q: What have you come to appreciate in the later years of your life?**

**A:** Tranquility

**Q: How has your faith impacted the decision-making in your life?**

**A:** My faith has been a reminder that in the end, the good prevails, that my decisions have an impact on others and so they deserve a full understanding, selflessness, and the needed care. One way to put it is that God has created me to serve His people and offers the living Jesus as a guide.

**Q: How did practicing medicine impact your life?**

**A:** It showed me — in each case — that achieving excellence was very much possible, and further, that it often required only a little extra effort or attention. The desire to reach a great ending, not just a good one, was the key. "So nigh is grandeur to our dust, So near is God to man," as Emerson puts it. If you cannot accept this by faith, go and look at the ceiling in the Sistine Chapel and see how close the fingers of God are depicted to those of Adam.

**Q: What advice would you have for high school students who sometimes lack motivation to reach their full potential?**

**A:** I am not sure I have such an advice, or if I offer one, that it would be new to such a student. Moreover, the group may consider such an advice misguided, demonstrably inefficient, or out of touch with reality, and therefore not worthy of attention.

We have created an environment in which many a good result through hard work is no longer sufficiently recognized or proportionately rewarded. There are even some situations where success is routinely punished as a matter of common sense without justification or debate. In parallel, ending the last in a class is at times regarded as a misjudgment of the teacher or failure of the system instead of possible inadequacy of the given student's efforts.

Lake Wobegon is a nice place, my favorite, where all children are above average! Consider the possibility that many are living in some corner of this precious fictional town and without anyone noticing. †

# Powers Students Serve on the Front Lines of the Flint Water Crisis

Following the discovery of lead in the City of Flint's drinking water, relief organizations have been working day and night to provide safe water to those living and working in the community.

Standing at the front of the battle is Catholic Charities of Shiawassee and Genesee Counties, which provides assistance — including counseling, substance abuse treatment, foster care and adoption services — to people in need.

Vicky Schultz, CEO of Catholic Charities, said the health and safety issues continue to be a “major crisis,” and the organization is distributing bottled water and gallons of water, as supplies allow, to families and individuals in need.

“[Water] is a basic need we have as human beings,” Vicky said. “We’re already dealing with poverty [and] huge unemployment in the city of Flint, and now we have water that’s not suitable to drink.”

“I think we’re just very disappointed that somebody really didn’t figure this out. It took a doctor having to do a blood test,” Vicky added. “We’re all children of God, and we’re supposed to look out for one another.”

**The students of Powers Catholic have been among those who have helped the efforts at Catholic Charities, Vicky said.**

“We are extremely grateful to the Powers Catholic High School students and staff, along with the Powers Catholic Rotary Interact Club, for all the unwavering help and support we receive throughout the year,” she added. “These compassionate Powers students have enthusiastically served at Catholic Charities on many occasions, doing various tasks to help those in need in our community.”

The students have spent countless hours working in the soup kitchens, helping to prepare and serve hot meals to homeless people and those who do not have adequate food. With the help of Powers Catholic students and a host of many other Flint community volunteers, Catholic Charities have served more than 185,000 meals to those in need.

In addition to serving meals, students have also made blankets for the Warming Center, and volunteered in the Center for Hope Community Closet. While volunteering in the Community Closet, the students have assisted people in need with toiletries, clothing and household items.

“Through volunteering at Catholic Charities, the students are able to put to work the values and teachings

they have learned through their Catholic Education,” Vicky said, “and at the same time, make a difference in their community.”

Catholic Charities is assisting Flint’s poorest residents with their emergency water and basic living needs during this crisis and always. To donate, visit: catholiccharitiesflint.org/donate.

**The St. Luke N.E.W. Life Center helps people understand the severity of the crisis.** The most important role of St. Luke’s N.E.W. Life Center is to “help people understand the severity of the problem and make sure they have water,” explained Sisters Carol Weber and Judy Blake. “We deal with the poorest of the poor, many of whom have no income. How are they going to buy filters and buy water?”

Sister Carol said she is concerned that the poorest of poor will choose to use the contaminated water, despite the risks.

“Water is extremely important,” Sister Carol said. **“Find strength in the love of God,” Bishop Earl Boyea added.**

The City of Flint has undergone many trials in recent years. Often, its people have faced the temptation to lose hope, to surrender to despair. The water crisis again presents that temptation; but again, the answer must be to find strength in the love of God and the support of men and women of good will. The FAITH in Flint campaign, launched in May 2015 by the Diocese of Lansing, has been a source of hope and change for the people of Flint, generating donations, volunteerism and prayers. Long before the water crisis was known of, the Catholic presence in Flint has been strong.

In this Year of Mercy, Bishop Boyea urged Catholics and all people of good will to continue praying for Flint. With prayer and fasting, let us call down the power of God on this city. *We ask the Lord to grant wisdom and courage to civil leaders who are seeking solutions to the water issue. We pray for a season of peace – that crime and violence abate. We ask blessings on police officers, firefighters and all first responders. We pray that mothers, fathers and educators will guide young people to reach their full potential as children of God. And we ask the Holy Spirit to come down on this city in a powerful way, casting out evil and fear. We ask the Holy Spirit to enlighten the men and women of this city, filling their hearts with love and peace. †*

# Father Tom Firestone Calls for Unity

As he completes his first eight months as Pastor of four of the City of Flint’s five Catholic churches, Father Tom Firestone is tired – and he is concerned about his four congregations as they struggle against the latest crisis to hit this post-industrial town. In his travels from one church to another in Flint’s 33 square miles, he sees numb, broken people trying to grasp how their sons and daughters have been exposed to lead in their drinking water.

“It’s hard to live in this city,” Father Firestone said in a casual moment. “It tires you out and frustrates you.”

St. John Vianney Catholic School is the parish school of Father Tom’s homebase in Flint. In December 2015, the school was notified that they have among the highest levels of lead in their water – 42ppb; anything over 15ppb is considered toxic. Since then, every drinking fountain has been blocked and throngs of people from around the country have sent bottled water to the school – to protect Father Tom’s students and the entire city from any more danger.

“I don’t understand the situation,” he said. “Everyone says they are looking for solutions, but no one seems to have an answer for us right now. A lot of people say they have answers; but frankly, I don’t know if I can trust them.”

“I’m tired and overwhelmed and I think this city is, also. After awhile, you just get numb and don’t pay attention anymore. I think our spirits are broken. How are we going to take care of our broken spirits?”

Father Tom finds himself leaning toward a delegation comprised of scientists, doctors and knowledgeable individuals to take the definitive actions necessary to push his community forward. He openly bemoans the disunity brought about by individuals who seem more self-interested than representing every resident of the community. He believes the disunity will be Flint’s final undoing.

“Perhaps we should turn fully to those who are serious about the science of this problem,” he said. “What would happen if we turned this problem over to Dr. Mark Edwards of Virginia Tech University or Michigan State University? Let them tell us what we should do based upon the science, not someone’s opinion. Maybe that would provide the unifying action we all are so sorely missing. I believe this community needs a consensus organization we can all get behind that represents all the diverse elements of our community – so that everyone’s voice is heard and all our needs are being met. Right now, I’m afraid we are just opening ourselves up to folks who just want to make a buck or a name for themselves.”

A former attorney, Father Tom noted that he is interested in the outcome of the state and federal investigations into the liability of the water crisis; however, there simply are not enough facts to prosecute anyone at this time. He pushes off any discussion of that until the investigations are complete.

Besides, he is far more concerned about the broken spirits of this city struggling underneath yet one more crisis.

“If we cannot find unity, I don’t know how we are going to solve anything,” he added. “We have to listen to one another, respect one another, help one another – pray with one another. I believe those are the keys to healing our spirits long after every pipe has been replaced. I don’t see much of that happening right now.”

“I am concerned about the entire community – not just children. People can’t have faith in God if we can’t have faith in each other. He expects that of each of us.”

Father Tom is Pastor of St. Mary Parish, St. Matthew Parish, St. Michael Parish, and St. John Vianney Parish, all located in the City of Flint, and All Saints in Mt. Morris Township. Fr. Phillip Schmitter is Pastor of Christ the King Parish, also located in the City of Flint. †



## For Dr. Charles Thomas Jr., there is no Plan B

This 1998 graduate of Powers Catholic has lived life LARGE.

And he has been recognized for it. During the summer of 2015, Charles, 35, was named to the *Network Journal's* national "40 Under 40" honoring men and women under 40 years old whose professional accomplishments have significantly impacted an industry/profession, and who also have made an important contribution to their community.

Charles has the spirit of a gladiator.

His fight-until-the-death determination was born in his hometown of Flint, MI, and instilled in him by his parents. Today, Charles lives in Fairfax County, Virginia with his wife, Manthanee, a four-month-old son and nine-year-old daughter.

Charles has many fond memories of Powers. After all, he helped his varsity basketball team make state semifinals in 1997, regional finals in 1998 when he served as co-captain, and was a member of the National Honor Society.

His most vivid memory is perhaps the day

his guidance counselor, John Reynolds, pulled him aside and asked if he had any interest in attending the University of Notre Dame in South Bend, Indiana.

"Growing up, my parents and I never talked about those types of out-of-state schools. We really only talked about going to schools that we could 'see,' places like the University of Michigan, Michigan State, Central Michigan, Eastern Michigan, etc.," he said. "I am not sure I had even heard of the University of Notre Dame. I know I didn't know where it was at the time. I thought Mr. Reynolds was talking about a college in California."

But once Mr. Reynolds sparked the thought of attending such a prestigious university and possibly playing basketball there, Charles played out the scene in his mind every single day.

"I knew I was going to play basketball for a top-tier college team in America," he said. "I visualized it. I thought about it every single day."

Come to find out, his late AAU (Amateur Athletic Union) coach oversold the 5'10" player

from Flint. When Charles walked into the athletic office, they looked him over and wanted more.

"They were expecting a 6'1" 201-pound player," he said. "Their looks said it all; they wanted someone bigger! Undeterred, I told them I play bigger than I am," he laughed. "I told them I was going to grow to be 6'1" and 201 pounds one day."

Despite the cool reception, he joined in regular pick-up games with the team, due to NCAA rules forbidding regular practice. The first couple weeks, it was as though he was invisible to the guys; but he worked hard regardless, proving his talent on the court. When someone came up injured, they asked Charles if he wanted to fill in.

**"Did I want to play," he asked? "I had been waiting for this moment for a long time. And I rocked it! For the next month or so, I played with the team every day."**

Charles returned to Flint during the fall break, knowing he had proven himself to the team and the coaches. His coach told him to go home, relax, and wait to see what would happen next. Charles said he was prepping to go to a Powers game, when he got a call from Notre Dame Assistant Coach, Billy Taylor: "You did a great job and the team loves you. We want you to come back and play for Notre Dame. There is no need to try out. You've already done that."

"It was a true moment of illumination for me," he recalled about being introduced with the team a few days later. "It was like those moments when all the lights seem brighter, hotter, and more people were watching than ever - and cheering wildly. And now, I was part of it."

At Notre Dame, Charles was a point guard and shooting guard wearing his favorite number 5.

"I wanted the number 5 because of its numerological significance in the Bible," he added. "According to various accounts, the number 5 symbolizes God's grace, goodness, and favor toward humans."



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“Powers taught me the importance of high-level engagement and civil discourse.”

“It all began with Mr. Reynolds sparking my interest,” he added. “My mom said, ‘Let’s go play with the big boys.’”

Charles described his mom, Doris Thomas, in more than endearing terms. She pushed and cheered for him and his sister his whole life. She and his father, Charles, Sr., worked tirelessly to put him and his younger sister, Clara, through Donovan-Mayotte, St. Paul Lutheran, and then Powers.

“When I would ask my mom, ‘Why would they pick me?’ she would say, *Why wouldn’t they pick you?* She was right there with me every step of the way.”

In fact, to help cover tuition at Notre Dame when his academic scholarship fell short, his mom sold the family car. After that, the rest of his education at Notre Dame was covered by academic and athletic scholarships, including a scholarship provided by another Powers graduate, Todd Lyght, whom Charles has never met.

According to John Reynolds, who remembers Charles with great affection, he was the only recipient of the Todd Lyght scholarship at the University of Notre Dame.

“Charles Thomas was an outstanding student,” Mr. Reynolds said, “I remember him well. And he went on to do many remarkable things.”

Mr. Reynolds stays in contact with Charles even today, sharing a love for books. He recalled the time Charles learned he was reading *Bone Catcher*, a novel Mr. Reynolds believes had an impact on the early career choices of his former student.

In all, Charles says he believes Powers provided the foundation for his success at Notre Dame and beyond. He credited the academic rigor at his alma mater as well as the structure of the environment.

“I knew that when that bell rang, I needed to be in Mr. Neumann’s class or else,” he joked.

Charles also cites the diversity at Powers as a strength, though not necessarily in terms of race. He found the diversity of thought among the different groups of people as valuable training for success in his personal and professional lives.

“Powers taught me the importance of high-level engagement and civil discourse,” he explains. “It was okay to disagree, but we had to do it appropriately. We were encouraged to articulate our positions and to justify why we thought it.

“Many of my Powers classmates were rock stars,” he added. “I mean it; if I ever get rich and famous, they are going to get a check from me. They helped me in so many ways.”

He admits he wishes he had stayed in closer touch with many, but maintains close ties with a few.

Now that his days at Notre Dame are over, Charles has grown to be 6’1” 201 pounds like he promised that first day at the University. He has indeed grown in stature and promise. He was on the fast track for a classified government position based upon his talent for “connecting dots and solving problems.” He listened intently as others helped steer him in the direction of Federal service. In the last five to six years, however, he moved more intentionally toward people and experiences

RIGHT, CHARLES IS SEEN WITH HIS MOTHER AND FATHER, DORIS AND CHARLES THOMAS, AND SISTER CLARA. BELOW, CHARLES PLAYS AS A WALK ON FOR NOTRE DAME.

that filled in the gaps of his personality, knowledge, skill set, and desired life direction.

**“To be successful, people sometimes have to become a robot and play the game according to the rules,” he explains. “But I’m from Flint. In Flint, we know we can do whatever we want – we just have to first learn how to play the game. I followed the playbook but the playbook wasn’t really working for me. I had to discover my own game and live by my own rules. I like options, but prefer opportunities. I live by design, not by default.”**

His own game includes teaching Life Skills classes to men who are incarcerated and preparing for societal re-entry. Prior to that, he spent half a year applying for adjunct positions at colleges, driven by a deep-seated prayer to become a stronger teacher and leader.

“Leadership is a holy stewardship for which we will all one day be held accountable,” he added. “I want to engage at a level that offers value to others and create moments of truth, beauty and clarity. As I have had the blessed fortune to learn from other powerful individuals, it is my obligation to connect with others in meaningful ways. As a leader, one of my objectives is to meet and exceed the ideals and standards of the best of those who came before me. I am mindful that without them, there is no me – and I want to continue that legacy and tradition of love, ingenuity, heroism and commitment to excellence as a demonstration of human potential by sharing with others what I have learned and experienced.”



“Be patient. Keep walking until you can’t walk any more, then walk some more. When you can’t walk anymore, know that God will carry you the rest of the way because you have done your part.”

Charles says he felt God kept telling him to go teach in the jail “over and over again,” he laughs. “Once I completed the orientation for teaching in the jail, I, ironically, received a call from the first college I applied to months before. They wanted to hire me as a part-time professor. I accepted the position, and continued to teach my students in the jail. The experiences acquired within the jails have been some of the most meaningful of my career.

“I don’t teach with preconceptions of changing anybody,” he adds. “These guys don’t care about my degrees. My only credibility is that I am honest – and they know that about me. I tell them that even though I was never consumed by the streets, I am sensitive to and understand life in the streets. My best friend was murdered. So many people I know from Flint have spent time in jail. I have family members who were locked up. I was only at Powers seven hours a day in high school. After school, I returned to a different life, hanging out at Berston Field House among other places.”

Charles shared that he has worn the same Flint cap during the winter months for over a decade, but until the Flint water crisis, it never sparked any meaningful conversations with others.

Now when people see it, they want to talk about what happened and why. He is disturbed by the lack of action in providing a solution to the lead problem – or that as of yet, no one is being held accountable. And while he could “talk for hours” about this problem and others that plague urban America, he is far more interested in discussing all the positives, including the numerous people with whom he graduated from Powers who are “rock stars” but remain virtually unknown.

“Unknown until something even remotely negative happens to them,” he added. “Then, they make headlines.”

What would 35-year-old Charles tell his 15-year-old-self today?

“I would say, ‘Be patient. Keep walking until you can’t walk any more, then walk some more. When you can’t walk anymore, know that God will carry you the rest of the way because you have done your part,’” he says. “Don’t be afraid. Keep your eyes on the finish line. Learn from the detours, they will help you cross the finish line. How you impact other people is the story. There is no Plan B.”

While Charles has received his most recent recognition as a Senior Program Manager for a boutique consulting firm within the Federal sector in Northern Virginia and as a thought leader within his community, his legacy extends far beyond that.

What hasn’t he done?

Charles was selected as the 2015 Emerging Influential Leader of the Year by the Northern Virginia Chamber of Commerce, a 2015 Alpha Sigma Nu Magis Medal winner, and the recipient of the 2015 Northern Virginia Trustee Leadership Award presented by Leadership Fairfax. He is a former Division 1 Student-Athlete, Sankofa scholar, NAACP Senior of the Year, Notre Dame Club of St. Joseph Valley Rockne Student-Athlete

of the Year, Arthur Ashe Scholar Athlete award winner, two-time Notre Dame Monogram winner, and two-time Big East Academic All-Star Team member.

Accolades cite him as a writer, philanthropist, published author, mentor, “disciple of experience, lover of learning, and seeker of wisdom, knowledge, and sage counsel.”

Today, he is committed to service and philanthropic efforts. He is Chairman of the Board for OAR Fairfax – a non-profit restorative justice/human services organization, Treasurer of the Board for Leadership Fairfax – a community



CHARLES THOMAS, NOW AND THEN.

leadership development organization, a member of the Leadership Committee for the Future Fund - a philanthropic giving circle of more than 150 young professionals, and a Wish Granter for the Make-A-Wish Foundation. Charles also serves as an Adjunct Professor of Organizational Behavior. Charles received a Bachelor’s degree from the University of Notre Dame, an MBA from the

University of Texas-San Antonio, a Master’s and Doctorate from Creighton University in Omaha, Nebraska. Charles also holds a host of academic and professional certifications.

“I am thankful for the opportunity to have done many things,” he says. “I think I am most honored, however, when I see a once-troubled student graduate with honors or a formerly incarcerated individual leading a life of promise. Knowing that I was able to play even a small part in their life journey makes me smile.

“But my best moments aren’t winning awards, or even shaking hands with senators or congress persons as I receive some sort of recognition,” Charles says. “My best moments, for example, are during those moments when my mom is able to experience the ambiance associated with an award ceremony in New York City, when both parents see me walk across the stage to earn a degree, or when my sister reads something that I wrote that resonates with her. Watching them share those experiences with me, even if from a distance, is priceless. I think we all are supposed to use the talents that God gave us to positively influence as many people as possible. I pray daily for a spirit of wisdom, discernment and knowledge to guide me to do just that.” †

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# Q&A with the Beiters

## A Powers Family

### Q: Family Names and Ages:

**A:** Parents Keith and Patty; Elizabeth, 19; Paul, 17; Rachel, 14; Teresa, 12; Emily, 11; Julia, 9 (10 on April 18); and Thomas, 8. Elizabeth graduated from Powers in 2014. Paul currently is a senior and Rachel a freshman at Powers Catholic High School.

### Q: Professions of Father and Mother:

**A:** Keith, Engineer, Orchid Orthopedics in Bridgeport, MI; Patty, stay-home mom

### Q: Why Powers Catholic High School?

**A:** (Patty) We feel that our faith is such an important part of our life and should be integrated into all aspects of our life, including education.

### Q: Catholic elementary/middle schools, also?

**A:** (Patty) Yes, St. Robert Catholic School in Flushing, MI.

### Q: Parent(s) attend Powers or Catholic school?

**A:** (Patty) We did not go to Powers, as we are both from out of state, but we both went to Catholic school.

### Q: Pleased with education received at Powers?

**A:** (Patty) Yes, very.

### Q: What do you most appreciate about Powers education?

**A:** (Patty) It's hard to narrow down. One thing we really like about Powers is the Kairos retreat the students go

on during their Junior year. It really seems to impact them in a way that would otherwise be difficult with the distractions of their busy lives. They come back changed; they grow closer to each other and to the Lord. We also really like that the students are challenged in the classroom according to their ability, and can even take college courses while still in high school. There is so much more to Powers than just the academics. Our children have been involved in many different extra-curricular activities. At Powers, they have participated in some activities that they were involved in before high school; but they also are not afraid to try something new in which they have no prior experience.

### Q: Is education a priority for the Beiter family?

**A:** (Patty) Yes, it is. We feel that a good education is one way to help a person reach their full potential and become the person God created them to be.

### Q: Is Catholic education a priority for your family?

**A:** (Patty) Yes, we believe that because our faith is so important to us, it should be part of all aspects of our life, including education.

### Q: Would you recommend Powers to other families?

**A:** (Keith) Yes. Powers has provided our children with a faith-based education that will be an invaluable part of them as they move beyond high school.

### Q: What is your favorite Powers memory/highlight?

**A:** (Patty) The plays that our children have been in, especially the musicals. I could watch them over and over!

### Q: What is Paul's GPA and class rank?

**A:** (Patty) GPA is 4.26 – he is third in his class.

### Q: What college will Paul attend?

**A:** (Patty) Michigan State University Honors College.

### Q: What will Paul study at MSU?

**A:** (Patty) He will study engineering and hopes to minor in theatre.

### Q: What have you learned from your son, Paul?

**A:** (Keith) Paul is very outgoing and really enjoys being around other people. We have learned to enjoy life and those around us and just sometimes take life as it comes.

### Q: What was the thing you appreciated most about Paul's recent role as "Bert the Chimney Sweep" in *Mary Poppins*?

**A:** (Keith) We appreciated the fact that he was able to take on a big responsibility as an individual and as part of a team, work hard at it, show others the results of their combined efforts, and have fun while doing it.

### Q: Would you recommend participation in theater to other families?

**A:** (Patty) Yes. Being involved with theatre at Powers is a very rewarding experience. Mrs. Alicia Evans is a great theater director. She works with the students to bring out their talent. It is amazing what they can do with her direction – they learn and grow so much over the course of practicing for a play. Even if a student doesn't want to act, they can still participate in theatre by helping with sound, lighting, costume design, stage crew, etc. There are so many ways to be involved, and they work hard, but it is so much fun. Paul has enjoyed theatre more than any other activity at Powers. †

## Getting Personal with Paul

### Q: What gets you out of bed in the morning?

**A:** Just the fact that each day is a new day and there's no telling what might happen.

### Q: What is your greatest fear?

**A:** Heights – I can't stand them.

### Q: Which living person do you most admire?

**A:** My father

### Q: What is the quality you admire most in a man?

**A:** Confidence in one's self, but tempered with the knowledge that you need other people.

### Q: What is the quality you most like in a woman?

**A:** Independence

### Q: What do you consider your greatest achievement?

**A:** Getting the role of "Bert" in my last play at Powers.

### Q: What do you most value in your friends?

**A:** They're always there for me, no matter what. If I'm having a bad day or trouble with something, they always notice and ask me what's wrong.

### Q: Who are your real life heroes?

**A:** Definitely my parents, as well as a few of my teachers at Powers.



THE BEITER FAMILY - PARENTS KEITH AND PATTY, PAUL, RACHEL, TERESA, EMILY, JULIA AND THOMAS. (NOT PICTURED: ELIZABETH)

# Class Notes

## **Tim Sullivan**, Class of 1987

Tim has been inducted into the Aquinas College Athletic Hall of Fame as an All-American Baseball Pitcher. He earned his Bachelor of Science from Aquinas in 1991 and his Master of Business Administration from Grand Valley State University in 1998. During his four years at Aquinas, Tim was pitcher for the baseball team, posting College records that still remain today, including total wins, innings pitched, strikeouts, games started and games completed. After graduation, he continued his baseball career, playing with the National Association of Intercollegiate Athletics (NAIA) team in the President's Cup in Seoul, Korea, in the summer of 1991. Tim also played with the Grand Rapids Sullivan's Baseball Team until 1998. He has worked in the Grand Valley State University business and finance office for the past ten years, most recently as their payroll manager, and also has been a financial advisor for the past 15 years. The son of Jim and Pat Sullivan, Tim lives in East Grand Rapids with his wife, Karen, and their two sons, Matthew and Ryan. He continues his love for athletics, coaching his son's baseball team at Southern Little League and enjoying golf and ski trips with his family.

## **Lori Kotowicz Fritzler**, Class of 1986

Lori lives in Port Orange, FL, and reports: "We have lived in Florida for three years and love it. Moving was the best decision! We are proud grandparents of a boy who is such a joy! I recently was promoted to claims manager for Two Men and a Truck. Life is a blessing!"

## **Josee' Domonique Muldrew**, Class of 2013

Josee' has been named the newest HOPE Scholar at Spelman College in Atlanta, GA. Josee', currently a junior psychiatry major, will matriculate at Sussex University near Brighton, England, as an exchange student this spring. A HOPE Scholar realizes that "failure is not an option, because failure cannot exist in a vacuum of ambition, confidence, perseverance and determination." The mission of HOPE (Helping Outstanding Pupils Educationally) Scholarship is to provide assistance for students who have demonstrated academic achievement and are seeking a college degree. While at Sussex, Josee' will be exposed to academic experiences provided by a

world-renowned and highly-rated research institution. In 2015, she studied abroad in Barcelona, Spain, where she conducted explorations and comparisons pertaining to the diversity of cultures, languages and lifestyles of people from various nationalities and countries. While attending Spelman, Josee' has maintained a noteworthy record of academic achievement: she was named a 2014-15 Golden State Scholar. She also has been involved in numerous collegiate activities including The Spelman Dance Theatre, where she was featured as a dancer in the Miss Funnel Cake Flowers Production, and the Joseph A. Lowery Birthday Celebration. She formerly served on the publicity team of the Miss Spelman Advisory Board and is currently the board's Community Service Liaison. Josee' is the daughter of Ken and the late Deloris Logan Muldrew.



## **Josh Yecke**, Class of 2005

Josh lives in Nashville, TN. He and his wife, Sarah, welcomed a son, Andrew Biddulph Yecke, on September 20, at Vanderbilt University Medical Center in Nashville. Andrew was baptized by Fr. Tom Firestone at St. John Vianney, in Flint.

## **Kyle Davis**, Class of 2013

Kyle is the president of a fraternity at the University of Michigan-Flint. "We have seen an increasing trend of Powers grads joining our fraternity and are really trying to make a difference. Gabe Farah, Paul Badr and I are all Theta Chi brothers. We already have five Powers grads who will be going through recruitment in the fall. Our fraternity is based on academic performance (we got the highest GPA in years since I took over as president, and the highest GPA among fraternities on campus), helping out our community through philanthropy and our faith in general, which is great because our fraternity realizes that nothing would be possible without God." Kyle also is vice president of the Pre-Dental Club and a delegate to the Interfraternity Council. Powers alumni can email [kyledavi@umflint.edu](mailto:kyledavi@umflint.edu).

## **Patrick McInnis**, Class of 1984

Patrick was recently featured on a *Forbes* webcast "8 Billionaire Predictions for 2016." "Care. Trust. Loyalty." These core leadership philosophies were instilled in Patrick, Chief Executive Officer of Fathead, a Detroit-based company that specializes in life-size vinyl wall graphics. Patrick admits that the three pillars originated partly through growing up in Flint, along with his life experiences.

His mom was imprisoned during World War II, eventually being separated from her family and losing everything she owned. Patrick believes that his giving personality stems from his mother's struggles and the way she raised him. "She understood struggle and what it meant to care for other people," Patrick said. "She always preached that, and it became a huge part of who I am today."

Patrick's mother dreamed of him attending law school following graduation from Saginaw Valley State University in 1988. Despite her wishes, Patrick — who had already taken the Law School Admission Test — had other career plans. "I said, 'Look, Mom. I'll be more successful than I would ever have been as an attorney.' It worked out that way. That was my response to her," Patrick said.

With a number of family members working at General Motors, Patrick instead wanted a career in which he dictated his own success and there was no seniority factor. In his early 20s, creating his own success as quickly as possible became a heightened priority for Patrick. The career options that came to mind were selling insurance, being a stockbroker or working in the mortgage business. At first, sports never entered the fold, even as Patrick was a former member of the Eastern Michigan University football team (1985-87). Struggling to find a career path in the few years following his undergraduate career, Patrick's sister-in-law insisted he talk with a gentleman whose hair she cut.

That person? Dan Gilbert, majority owner of the Cleveland Cavaliers.

At that time, Gilbert had recently opened a small mortgage company called Rock Financial (now Quicken Loans). After an initial meeting and a few additional conversations, Patrick found his footing in the business world as a loan officer, and in less than a year, he moved into leadership.

"I saw Rock Financial/Quicken Loans as an element of sports," Patrick said. "It was a sales organization. I tracked my sales, and could determine how well I was doing. It was very competitive; I competed with other loan officers. That brought an element of sports to it, that competition piece. Then, as the company's success and my success evolved, other opportunities opened up."

Before he could blink, he was running the organization's sales force in 1998. Because of the cyclical nature of mortgage rates and their tendency to fluctuate depending on the market, Patrick learned the value in being a composed leader, even when times were tough.

"Painting a clear vision for what success looked like in different markets," as Patrick explained, was crucial for loan officers and his sales team. With his career moving at an accelerated pace, any chance of returning to school for a Master's in Business Administration or another graduate degree "quickly became a fleeting thought."

In 2002, Patrick became the president and chief operating officer of Quicken Loans, less than ten years after initially joining Gilbert's company. The C-Level position — which lasted roughly seven years — allowed Patrick to define his core leadership philosophies even further, particularly the second and third pillars of "trust" and "loyalty."

"My goal was to help others succeed — to help others achieve their goals and dreams and help them move up in the organization," said Patrick, who took a minority stake in the Cavaliers in 2005. "I took genuine interest and focused a lot of my efforts on helping others achieve their goals. I genuinely cared about my people and took interest. If you take interest outside of their work life, you will help them become successful all the way around. If they're successful outside the building and inside the building, it's guaranteed they'll move up in an organization."

"So, when you show somebody that you care for them, they begin to trust you and they become insanely loyal. That's when people will run through a fire for you."

Former Detroit Red Wings Defenseman, Chris Chelios, and veteran Detroit Lions Center, Dominic Raiola, both close friends of Patrick, spoke to his "blue-collar work ethic" and caring personality that has had a trickle-down effect on all 100 team members.

The “Core-Trust-Loyalty” belief system has remained with Patrick over the past five years, as Fathead recently shifted from sports-specific offerings to being a lifestyle consumer company. Now, as the company’s leader, part of Patrick’s role is that of a “psychologist,” somebody who understands the make-up and personality of the senior leadership team and, in turn, can motivate people in different ways.

It’s a role Patrick relishes, because at the end of the day, his team members’ success equates to not only Fathead’s success, but his success, as well.

“Quite honestly, as a leader, your objective is to create the right emotion in people,” he added. “You have to do that on a daily basis.”

#### **John MacDonald,** Class of 1995

John was recently recognized on the *Financial Times* “Top 400 Financial Advisors” list. His inclusion on this list is an industry honor and acknowledgment of his accomplishments. In compiling the list, the *Financial Times* takes into consideration assets under management, asset growth, years of experience, industry certification, Financial Industry Regulatory Authority (FINRA) compliance record, and online accessibility. John joined Merrill Lynch in 1996. He is a graduate of the University of Michigan-Flint where he earned his MBA, and also received his Certified Financial Planner™ certification from the Certified Financial Planner Board of Standards, Inc. John is the treasurer of The Flint Cultural Center Corp., a trustee for the Community Foundation of Greater Flint, and vice chair of the Foundation’s Investment Committee. A parishioner of St. Pius X Parish, he is also a member of its Educational Trust Fund Board. His office is in Grand Blanc.



#### **Monisha Kapila,** Class of 1995

Monisha founded ProInspire, a nonprofit group recently listed as “7 Non-profit Groups to Watch in 2015.” ProInspire is a small, five-year-old group giving business “whiz kids” (some from top-drawer companies like J.P. Morgan and Deloitte) year-long, paid fellowships with nonprofits that let them put their marketing, operations and finance skills to work right away. Of 2013’s graduating class of fellows, more than 95 percent are working in social services.

As CEO of ProInspire, Monisha helps individuals and organizations achieve their potential for social impact, drawing from ten years of experience in the business and non-profit sectors. Prior to launching ProInspire, she was a senior business manager for Capital One Financial Corporation. Previously, she was a Harvard Business School Leadership Fellow with ACCION International, a pioneer in the commercial approach to microfinance. Monisha has worked with a number of leading nonprofit organizations throughout her career, including CARE, the Initiative for a Competitive Inner City, and the Clinton Foundation. She began her career as a consultant with Arthur Andersen. Monisha earned an MBA at Harvard Business School, where she was recipient of the Dean’s Award, and a BBA with distinction from the University of Michigan. She received her Certificate in Leadership Coaching from Georgetown University. Monisha has been published in *Stanford Social Innovation Review*, the *Huffington Post*, *Next Billion*, and other publications. She serves as a board member for Achieve Mission, a nonprofit human capital advisory organization, and the Nonprofit Roundtable of Greater Washington. She also is an Advisor to Independent Sector’s NGen Program and the Talent Philanthropy Project. Monisha has been recognized as an HBS Leadership Fellow, American Express NGen Fellow, and National Urban Fellows America’s Leaders of Change. Outside of work, she enjoys art projects with her young son and daughter, finding easy slow-cooker recipes, and walking to work whenever she can. Alumni can feel free to email [mkapila@proinspire.org](mailto:mkapila@proinspire.org).

## The gift of a Powers education for my children has been unlike any other.

Many of us hear a little voice inside ... a voice that keeps resurfacing, a thought we ponder that just keeps coming to the forefront of our minds.

Our kids grew up in public school, though we would intermittently visit Powers Catholic. We would attend a football game, a play, a soccer game, a social event. And, every time we did, there was such a feeling of joy and welcome that I would leave feeling good, and filled up by the experience.

As time went on and my own faith grew, I realized that God was leading me and my family to more fully experience the Christian education at Powers. At first, I struggled with the fact that my family is not Catholic. I kept telling myself that we were outsiders. But that little voice inside kept persisting. In fact, the voice became something I could no longer ignore.

Then, God presented an opportunity to visit and tour the school. Again, that welcoming spirit was overwhelming and we decided to listen to the voice. We took a huge leap of faith and transferred our kids from the public school they had always attended to Powers Catholic.

From the very first day our kids entered Powers, the school, staff and students welcomed them. They not only welcomed them, but specifically, told them that they were now part of the Powers family.

My kids have since been active in sports, choir, school government and volunteering. They have been treated to fabulous plays performed at the school by their classmates. They have experienced tradition and school spirit like never before. And they have been challenged academically.

But most importantly, they are free to live their faith in an outward way – every ... single ... day. If your family currently attends a public school, you know that this is becoming nearly impossible. If you currently are attending a Christian school, you might not realize the blessing and freedom of that alone.

At Powers, our kids are in religion class, go to church (mass), sing praise songs to our Father, with the freedom to pray at lunch, before team dinners and their performances.

Your kids, too, will have access to a chapel, Father Dan as an on-site chaplain, and many others who will help them on “those bad days” that every kid encounters. They also have the opportunity to experience Kairos in their junior year, several days set aside to focus solely on their faith. The Kairos retreat alone would be enough to send our kids to Powers, if we were faced with the decision all over again.

This non-Catholic (we are Lutheran), could not be more thankful that my kids were at Powers Catholic during their impressionable teen years. When some kids turn away from their faith, my kids, instead had the opportunity to run toward it. I pray that the faith and trust in God developed through their precious high school years will thrive in them for their entire lives.

If that little voice is whispering to you ... if you would like to hear more about what Powers Catholic High School might be like for your child and family, please feel free to contact me. I will answer you frankly and give you as much time as you need to discuss it. It is a big decision and a sacrifice to choose a tuition-based, private Christian school. It can be challenging to describe the Powers difference, just like it is hard to explain when the Holy Spirit speaks to your heart (I believe, that resurfacing little voice) ... but *the gift of a Powers education for my children has been unlike any other.*

I close with this: I know there are many families in our communities who want to send their sons and daughters to Powers Catholic, but are unable due to financial constraints. I ask that you consider joining my family in making a gift to Powers Catholic to help provide tuition assistance to families who are unable to pay full tuition. Please enclose a one-time gift or pledge in the attached envelope or visit [powerscatholic.org](http://powerscatholic.org). The investment in the lives of others is priceless.

May God bless you and lead you in all decisions for your family. †

**Tracy Sargent**

Mother of Nicole and Noah Sargent  
Class of 2016

# Two new scholarships added for students

Powers Catholic is pleased to announce two new scholarships available to students this year: **The Gateway Dental Scholarship and The Jae Sook Memorial Scholarship.**

The Gateway Dental Scholarship was established by Dr. Bobby Grossi, a 1991 Alumnus of Powers Catholic High School. Dr. Grossi was born and raised in Flint, MI. After graduating from Powers, he attended Mott Community College and received an Associate Degree. He graduated from University of Michigan with a Bachelor's degree in Science and Biology in 1998, and graduated from the University of Detroit Mercy Dental School in 2003 with a Doctorate in Dental Surgery.

The Jae Sook Memorial Scholarship offers financial assistance for African-American male students enrolling or attending Powers Catholic High School. This scholarship is established to honor the late Jae Sook, who at age 3 was abandoned in Taegu, South Korea, and two years later was adopted by Barbara and Tom Doescher.

Both scholarships and those listed below also can be found at [powerscatholic.org](http://powerscatholic.org).

## **Jack and Sally Goggins Guardian Angel Fund**

With your generous support, this emergency fund allows the Administration of Powers Catholic to quietly help families during their time of greatest need. The fund provides much needed financial support for tuition during an unexpected crisis that includes financial difficulty due to a death in the family, a parent's job loss, sudden illness or other catastrophic event that can impact a family. Naming of this fund was inspired by the significant contributions made to Catholic education by the late Jack and Sally Goggins over the past 50 years. To help support students in their time of greatest need, please call the Advancement Office at 810.591.0100.

## **The Alexa Woodfield Scholarship**

Alexa Rose Woodfield, a student at St. Pius X from pre-school-8th grade, also attended Powers Catholic High School. In both places, she always was willing to lend a helping hand. She was confident enough to introduce herself to students, acknowledged others by their name and made them feel important. She was known to help freshmen find their way around Powers when they needed direction. She had a gift of loving and that is exactly what she did. She loved her mother, father and sister, Candice, more than anything. Today, the late Alexa Woodfield's memory lives on in the hearts and minds of all who knew her. The scholarship allows her love of helping others to continue. A \$750 scholarship is available, beginning this year, for an 8th grade St. Pius X Catholic School student planning to attend Powers Catholic High School. Applications are made through St. Pius X Catholic School.

## **Angelica Rachor Scholarship**

Angelica Rachor was born in 1975 at Hurley Hospital in Flint. She started her school journey in Flint Public Schools, attending Summerfield Elementary. When her third-grade teacher decided she

needed special help in the area of math, Angelica transferred to Scott Magnet Elementary for upper-elementary grades. Angelica completed her education attending Catholic schools.

## **The Elizabeth Hallman Courage Scholarship Award**

This award honors the memory of the late Liz Hallman, who passed away just prior to her senior year at Powers Catholic High School. It is funded by the Liz Hallman Athletic Courage Award, created in 1996 through generous contributions by Liz's family, classmates, their parents, faculty and friends.

## **The F.A. Bower Scholarship Award**

This scholarship was established by the Tremaine Real Living Real Estate Family to honor the late F. A. "Dutch" Bower. Mr. Bower was a chief engineer for General Motors, a local community leader, founding member of Flint's St. Matthew's Roman Catholic Church, the Flint Institute of Arts, and a friend of Father Luke M. Powers. Mr. Bower made a significant contribution to help found Powers Catholic High School.

## **Father DuKette Scholarship**

This scholarship, established in 2014 by the Rachor Family Foundation, Ltd, recognizes the late Father Norman Anthony DuKette. Father DuKette, the first black priest in the Diocese of Lansing, founded Christ the King Parish in 1929. From its beginning, the parish served the African American community while welcoming and embracing all people. His love for children inspired the ministry of DuKette Catholic School, named in his honor. He faithfully served the Flint community for more than 50 years until his death in 1980.

## **The Gateway Dental Scholarship**

Dr. Bobby J. Grossi, a 1991 Alumnus of Powers Catholic High School and owner of Gateway Dental, established this scholarship in 2015. Born and raised in Flint, Dr. Grossi attended Mott Community College and received an Associate's degree. He also has a Bachelor of Science and Biology from the University of Michigan (1998) and Doctorate of Dental Surgery from the University of Detroit Mercy Dental School (2003).

## **Jack Pratt "Believers" Scholarship**

During more than five decades of teaching and coaching, Coach Jack Pratt showed hundreds of young people the power of believing. Some thought that when Coach Pratt talked about being a "Believer," he was talking about believing in him and his coaching leadership. In truth, Coach Pratt was trying to help others believe in themselves; to believe in something greater than themselves (each other) and eventually to understand and believe that each of us have been created to develop our talents and gifts - to serve God and to serve one another.

## **The Jae Sook Memorial Scholarship**

Offering financial assistance to African-American male students enrolling or attending Powers Catholic High School, this scholarship is established to honor the late Jae Sook, who at three years old, was abandoned in Taegu, South Korea. Two years later, she was adopted by Barbara and Tom Doescher.

## **The John J. McIlduff Scholarship Award**

The John J. McIlduff Scholarship was established in his memory by his parents, John and Pat McIlduff. It is hoped that this scholarship will enable other students to receive the caring and quality education offered at Powers Catholic High School.

## **Kathryn Arlene Sissor Scholarship**

The Rachor Family Foundation, Ltd. established the scholarship in 2014 to recognize Kathryn Arlene Sisson Rachor. Students who meet the criteria set forth by the Powers Catholic High School Administration will be eligible to receive \$1,000 for tuition assistance.

## **The Mary Milne Scholarship Fund**

The Milne Family established this scholarship in 2014, recognizing the life of Mrs. Mary Milne. The family wishes to provide \$1,000 for tuition assistance to families who have more than one student in Catholic schools and attends Powers Catholic High School. Mrs. Milne was born in Michigan, married the late Tom Milne, and they lived in Swartz Creek, where they raised five children. Very active in her church, Mrs. Milne was unable to send all five children to Catholic schools due to limited financial means. This scholarship is designed to provide financial support to families who may be experiencing the same challenges.

## **Owen D. Fisher Scholarship**

This scholarship was established in 2005 to honor and keep alive the memory of the late Owen Fisher. David and Vida Fisher, and Katie Fisher MacDonald (Powers Class of 1998), created it in memory of their son and brother. The scholarship provides an iPad or book(s) to Powers Catholic High School students who meet the criteria set forth by the PCHS Administration. For many years, this scholarship was for students entering law enforcement. Recently, however, the criteria was changed due to the cost of books, and the family's desire to help current and future students.

## **Reynolds-Dutkowski Scholarship**

This scholarship was established to honor John Reynolds and Tom Dutkowski for their extraordinary dedication to the mission of Powers Catholic High School. The hope is that this scholarship will enable other students to receive a caring and quality education offered at PCHS.

## **Sonya Carson Scholarship**

This scholarship was established in 2014 by the Rachor Family Foundation, Ltd. in recognition of Dr. Sonya Carson. A native of Chattanooga, TN, Sonya was one of 24 children. She married at age 13 and moved to Detroit, only to discover that her husband had another family. This resulted in a divorce with two young sons. She worked up to three jobs at a time to avoid being placed on welfare. Sonya dedicated her life to giving her sons an opportunity for success in life.

## **The Theodora G. Morgan Scholarship Fund**

The Theodora G. Morgan scholarship is designed to support several students at Powers Catholic for many years to come. For more than two decades, Theo served Catholic schools in the Greater Flint area as a teacher and later as an administrator. Undoubtedly, she touched the lives of thousands of children.

## **Diocese of Lansing Scholarships**

The Diocese of Lansing has scholarships available to Catholic students enrolling in grades 6-11 at any Catholic school within the Diocese. Scholarships for students in grades 9-11 are \$1,000 and \$750 for students in grades 6-8. The application is available online at [psas.org/2793.aspx](http://psas.org/2793.aspx)

## **Additional Scholarship Opportunities**

These funds are used to support academic scholarships, need-based tuition assistance and school programs.

For further information on all scholarships, please contact Brenda Goyette in the Advancement Office, 810.591.0100.



# Kasey Hamilton Cronin

## DIFFERENCE WHERE IT COUNTS

**K**asey Cronin, Class of 1977, lights up when she talks about her years at Powers Catholic High School. She came to Powers as a student from the public schools. As a young child, she attended St. Leo's Elementary School. When it closed, she enrolled in a public school near her home.

But Kasey never felt totally comfortable there. She wasn't challenged academically – nor were her spiritual needs being met. “When I walked through the doors of Powers Catholic, I felt like I was home,” she said, vividly recalling her first day.

Kasey joined two brothers and a cousin at Powers – and since then, she has had seven Hamilton siblings graduate from Powers: Bret 1975, Andy 1976, Kelly 1978, Kristie 1981, Spencer 1983, Kabrina 1985, and Kourtney 1989. Her own children, Kevin and Darcy (Cronin) also attended and graduated from her alma mater in 2001 and 2004, respectively.

As an education administrator today, Kasey reflects on the strong personal support she has received from the teachers, staff and fellow students. She discovered it was okay to be smart, polite and kind; but it was the spiritual component that she appreciated most.

Her religion classes and Mass created an unmistakable bond with her instructors and fellow students.

“To attend school with the same people with whom I just shared a meaningful conversation about our shared faith, truly was the difference where it counts [the school's motto at the time],” she said. “I experienced that at Powers Catholic.”

She especially remembered Mr. Hird, an instructor who took a more personal interest in Kasey. When he learned that she was going to pursue engineering at GMI, he arranged for her to spend a day job-shadowing his wife, a special education teacher in the Flint area. He told her that while she would certainly be a good engineer, maybe teaching emotionally impaired students would be “a better fit.” After one day, Kasey went home with a brand new direction for her life. She enrolled at Western University to earn a teaching degree, a path she has wholeheartedly pursued since spending the day with the wife of one of her Power's teachers.

“That was the Powers difference, too,” she said. “After four years, teachers knew their students personally. They took active roles in the lives of their students to prepare them for life beyond Powers.”

Kasey is quick to point out that she experienced that “difference that counts” again when she left public schools as a teacher, director and administrator and assumed the position of Executive Director of Genesee County Catholic Schools. Since July 2015, she has used her administrative experience in curriculum development, diversity awareness and program expansion to assess the needs of the eight schools in the Genesee County Catholic Schools system (Holy Family, Holy Rosary, Powers, St. Mary's Mt. Morris, St. John the Evangelist, St. John Vianney, St. Pius X and St. Roberts).

“I prayed about taking this position,” she said from her office at St. John Vianney Catholic Church. “I really prayed on it. It felt like this is where God wanted me to be. I asked Him to do His work through me. On the first day, I felt the same exact peace that I did when walking into Powers in the 9th grade. I've had the same responses as I did from the principals, staff and students ... I am so grateful to be home.”

After digging deep into the inner workings of the eight Catholic schools, Kasey is impressed by the academic caliber of the principals and teachers. But more than that, she said she is inspired by their dedication to Catholic education.



KASEY MEETS WITH HER TEAM OF GCCS AMBASSADORS TO DISCUSS THE FLINT WATER CRISIS.

“Everyone has been willing to do whatever it takes,” she said. “It is clear they want to do what is best for the students.”

At the moment, Kasey finds herself more committed than ever to building stronger collaboration between the schools, finding ways to share resources, and reinforcing alignment in the K-12 curriculum. For Kasey, making a Catholic education affordable for anyone who wants to attend is a personal conviction. “I pray on it all the time,” she added.

Kasey pointed to mementos she has carried with her through the years from one office to another; most are sayings of Mother Teresa.

“I have seen God's hand in my life at every turn,” she said. “Something special comes from doing God's work.” †

KASEY CRONIN, EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR OF GENESSEE COUNTY CATHOLIC SCHOOLS

# Pride Update



**Let us know what you've been up to!**

**Calling for Class Notes for the NEXT Powers Pride magazine!**

Keep your classmates and the Powers community up-to-date about your life's path. Many of us have incredible stories to tell, fun adventures to reveal, milestones to share, and lessons learned. An updated Class Notes section in the upcoming Powers Pride is the perfect vehicle to let all your classmates know what is new with you. Class Notes also will appear in the online version of the magazine. Email [advancement@powerscatholic.org](mailto:advancement@powerscatholic.org) for the update form.

## Paying it Forward



Dylan Hernandez, son of Bryce Hernandez, paid it forward recently by cleaning up Mosley Park, located across the street from Powers Catholic. In all, he and his father collected two bags of litter on the Powers' side and five bags in the park. How wonderful to see our students take pride in our school and in their community!

## Other ways to keep in touch with Powers

The Powers Advancement Office emails a mobile-friendly Powers Update newsletter semi-weekly throughout the school year – and several times throughout the summer months. We are committed to keeping everyone up-to-date with all that is happening at Powers including our current families, alumni, and growing number of partners and friends.

Powers also maintains two Facebook pages, PowersAlumniFriends and the more official page, Luke.M.Powers. We also have an active Twitter page, @PowersCatholicH and a revamped website: [powerscatholic.org](http://powerscatholic.org).

We invite you to “Like” our Facebook pages, “Follow” us on Twitter or sign up to receive our email updates at [advancement@powerscatholic.org](mailto:advancement@powerscatholic.org).

## Powers Pride Goes Digital

The Powers Pride also is available as an electronic publication. If you would like to help Powers save on printing and mailing costs, please email [advancement@powerscatholic.org](mailto:advancement@powerscatholic.org); otherwise, you will continue to receive the paper edition.

## Family of Sponsors

The Powers Catholic Family of Sponsors represents financial supporters of Powers Catholic High School. Those on our growing list of sponsors each have graciously provided \$4,000 in time, talent or treasure to ensure that Powers Catholic continues to provide the best possible Catholic education for students throughout the region.

Each of the sponsors are showcased on the Powers website (always present), included in *Powers Pride* magazine and listed in additional marketing pieces that highlight the school.

The Family of Sponsors is featured in the 2015-16 PCHS Business Directory, a new go-to resource for goods and services for Powers students and their families. PCHS families and alumni are invited to be included in the Family of Sponsors or listed in other options in the directory.

The Family of Sponsors began in 2010 with a handful of Family Business Supporters of PCHS. As the capital campaign kicked off and Powers Catholic increased its print and social media presence, the program expanded and now hosts 19 businesses. The cost for the sponsorship starts at a \$2,000 level and underwrites the cost of the Powers Catholic publication and online subscriptions. It also provides our local businesses and supporters access/outreach to more than 23,000 patrons.

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[hallchrysler.net](http://hallchrysler.net)  
Jim Hall  
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Fenton, MI 48430  
Phone 855.751.4743

#### Business

Flint & Genesee Chamber of Commerce  
[flintandgenesee.org](http://flintandgenesee.org)  
Tim Herman  
519 S. Saginaw St., Ste 200  
Flint, MI 48502  
Phone 810.600.1404

#### Construction

Eagle Excavation Inc.  
[eagleexcavation.com](http://eagleexcavation.com)  
Doug Walls  
4295 Holiday Dr.  
Flint, MI 48507  
Phone 810.767.7878

#### Dentistry

Knight Dental Care  
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1408 Hill Rd., Ste A  
Flint, MI 48507  
Phone 810.239.8810

#### Town Center Family Dental

[towncenterfamilydental.com](http://towncenterfamilydental.com)  
Tim & Lori Vanitvelt  
4500 Town Center Pkwy.  
Flint, MI 48532  
810.733.1410

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Flint, MI 48507  
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Burton, MI 48529  
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Flushing, MI 48443  
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## Mission Statement

Powers Catholic High School is an integral part of the teaching ministry of the Church, serving students of varying abilities and backgrounds. Powers Catholic strives for excellence in education, nurtures self-worth in individuals, and encourages commitment to living the Gospel of Jesus Christ through service to church, family and community.

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